Suspension of order for the use of jute bags

1711. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has a proposal under consideration to suspend the order given to certain Departments to use a certain quantity of jute bags for packing of commodities;

(b) whether it will affect the jute industry; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Approval of World Bank projects

171.2. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Economic Affairs has approved World Bank projects 'Government of India Study on poverty alleviation' and the 'Poverty in India' with a total funding at US dollars 9.2 lakhs;

(b) whether the project grant is expected to be channelised by Government through a Delhi-bosed consultancy organisation called the 'policy group';

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that some well known economists have strongly criticized the projects and have disassociated themselves from them: and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OP EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI); (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Government have received' no such intimation.

Water supply for industrial seclor

1713. SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRl DHULESHWAR MEENA;

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the water supply problem, both in the urban and rural areas, is becoming more and more difficult year after year; if so, what are the details of the action plan Government have drawn up to ease the problem; and

(b) whether Government are considering to instal sewerage water recycling plants in urban areas with a view to augmenting the water supply so that at least the demand for water by the industrial sector is met; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA); (a) and (b) Due to frequent drought conditions prevailing during the past few years, water supply problems have been experienced in many parts of the country. Drinking water and sewage schemes are framed and implemented by State Governments. Their efforts in this regard are supplemented by the Central. Government under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and the Technology Mission on Drinking Water in Villages and Related Water Management.